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This Annual Report is compiled in accordance with suggestions for the arrangements of Annual Reports by School Medical Officers contained in Form 6M of the Board of Education dated 1st January, 1938.

## 1.

**STAFF.**

**December 31st, 1937.**

School Medical Officer :—G. H. Pearce, M.D. (Durh.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Camb.), L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.R.F.P.S. (Glas.), Barrister-at-Law (Inner Temple).

Assistant School Medical Officer :—Gwendolen Buckle, M.B., B.S. (Durh.).

Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon :—Randal Herley, B.A., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.R.F.P.S. (Glas.).

Orthopaedic Surgeon :—H. L. Crockatt, M.B., Ch.B. (Leeds).

School Dentist :—Vacant since March 31st, 1937.

School Nurses :—H. Evans (Superintendent), E. Farthing, K. Taylor, H. Birch, E. G. Fisher and M. Daglish.

Chief Clerk :—K. Lister. Clerks :—L. Allatt, K. Steels, A. D. Foggo, and I. Wilson.

Nurses Farthing, Taylor, Birch, Fisher and Daglish possess the new certificate recognised by the Ministry of Health for Health Visitors and School Nurses. All School Nurses are also Health Visitors.

The Clerks perform all the clerical work arising from duties under the Public Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, and Education (Medical Services) Committees.

## 2. CO-ORDINATION.

Infant and Child Welfare.—The School Medical Officer is also Medical Officer of Health, and as such is responsible for the administration of the whole of the Medical Services of the Corporation. There is close co-ordination between these Services.

## 3. SCHOOL HYGIENE.

The following particulars have been furnished by the Director of Education in connection with repairs during 1937 :—

(4)

BATLEY C.E. SCHOOLS	New floors laid.
HEALEY JUNIOR SCHOOL	Alterations to Offices.
FIELD LANE	Roof repairs.
BIRSTALL COUNCIL (Mixed) SCHOOL	Installation of Electric lighting.
WARWICK ROAD	Installation of Heatrite System on boiler.
PURLWELL SCHOOL	Installation of new boiler.
ST. PATRICK'S R.C.	Internal renovations.
FIELD LANE	Internal renovations.
WARWICK ROAD	Internal renovations.
STAINCLIFFE C.E.	Internal renovations.

Complete surveys of the hygienic conditions prevailing in the Batley schools have been made since 1910, generally at five-yearly intervals. The last was made in 1930 and is referred to on pages 2 and 3 of the School Medical Officer's Annual Report for that year.

Special surveys of Park Road and the Parish Church schools were made during 1937. They are not published herewith on account of the cost of printing but are available for examination and comparison with previous survey reports, when desired.

It has often been recommended that it would be to the advantage of the committee, teachers and scholars, if the School Medical Officer was consulted on matters of School Hygiene. The recommendation is again made.

The drinking facilities in schools are not all free from danger, through the possibility of spreading infection. Where drinking fountains are installed, some are of a type which permits scholars to apply their lips to the nipple through which the water flows. At one school there still remained an enamelled mug from which all the scholars in the department drank.

#### 4. MEDICAL INSPECTION.

ROUTINE.—Age groups inspected during 1937 were (1) on first admission, (2) on attaining the age of five years, (3) on attaining the age of eight years, (4) on attaining the age of twelve years.



NON-ROUTINE.—The non-routine class comprises children who are known, or suspected, to be suffering from any defect and who are presented by teachers, parent, nurses, etc. for examination by the School Medical Officer as "Special" cases at the Schools or School Clinics. All children who, as the result of routine or special examination, are found to be suffering from any defect are re-inspected at regular intervals until the defect is remedied, they have left school, or the parents have refused to permit treatment.

The Board's Schedule of Medical inspection has been followed throughout.

## 5. FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS, 1937.

Free from classified defects.	Found suffering from one or more classified defects.
47.4 per cent.	52.6 per cent.

If verminous conditions are deducted the figures are :—

Free from classified defects.	Found suffering from one or more classified defects.
47.5 per cent.	52.5 per cent.

## PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN FOUND WITH DEFECTS AT ROUTINE EXAMINATIONS, EXCLUDING DEFECTIVE TEETH, 1937.

School.	Infants.	Girls.	Boys.
Wilton Park .. ..	—	100.0	—
Parish Church .. ..	40.0	57.7	80.9
Brownhill .. ..	55.0	57.1	37.5
Carlinghow .. ..	39.5	51.7	68.2
Field Lane .. ..	33.3	—	—
Healey .. ..	57.1	54.5	37.5
Park Road .. ..	37.5	46.2	53.5
Purlwell .. ..	50.9	62.9	60.5
St. Mary's.. ..	64.1	58.9	66.6
Staincliffe .. ..	50.0	28.6	40.0
Warwick Road .. ..	59.1	55.9	43.5
Gregory Street .. ..	35.3	55.5	66.6
Hanging Heaton .. ..	22.2	—	20.0
Mill Lane .. ..	28.6	58.8	72.0



The following tables give comparative figures for the years 1910 and 1937 and are self-explanatory. The intermediate age group is omitted because between these years the Board changed the age group from 7 to 9.

(a) HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS, 1937

School.	Department.	Heights. Inches.		Weights. Lbs.	
		1937	1910	1937	1910
PURLWELL ..	Girls .. 13 Group	57.2	57.0	80.4	75.6
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.3	—	53.7	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.7	53.7	77.6	65.8
	Boys .. 9 Group	50.3	—	58.0	—
	Infants 5 Male	41.7	39.8	39.3	36.0
	Infants 5 Female	40.9	38.7	36.4	33.8
WARWICK RD.	Girls .. 13 Group	56.8	54.7	83.3	66.8
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.4	—	52.8	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	56.0	50.0	81.1	63.8
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.7	—	55.4	—
	Infants 5 Male	40.4	38.8	38.5	35.9
	Infants 5 Female	41.3	37.2	36.4	32.5
BROWNHILL ..	Girls .. 13 Group	57.5	55.0	84.9	71.8
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.4	—	54.8	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.5	53.0	80.9	68.2
	Boys .. 9 Group	50.7	—	59.9	—
	Infants 5 Male	40.6	39.6	38.5	37.4
	Infants 5 Female	42.3	39.5	39.6	36.1
CARLINGHOW	Girls .. 13 Group	59.1	53.6	87.6	68.5
	Girls .. 9 Group	50.5	—	52.5	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	—	54.3	—	72.4
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.8	—	57.5	—
	Infants 5 Male	41.7	38.2	38.8	35.4
	Infants 5 Female	41.4	39.2	36.9	35.1
ST. MARY'S ..	Girls .. 13 Group	55.2	52.0	70.9	68.7
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.3	—	52.9	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	54.9	52.2	73.4	68.6
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.5	—	54.9	—
	Infants 5 Male	38.7	38.8	38.8	35.9
	Infants 5 Female	38.5	37.7	35.8	33.4
PARK ROAD ..	Girls .. 13 Group	56.7	53.5	85.2	69.7
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.0	—	55.7	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	56.3	53.2	81.4	69.1
	Boys .. 9 Group	50.2	—	59.6	—
	Infants 5 Male	42.5	38.6	41.4	33.8
	Infants 5 Female	42.3	38.0	40.5	34.6
PARISH CHURCH	Girls .. 13 Group	57.6	54.3	92.9	68.0
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.2	—	57.3	—
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.1	54.6	75.8	71.6
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.8	—	57.2	—
	Infants 5 Male	42.2	37.6	39.4	35.5
	Infants 5 Female	41.5	39.0	37.9	33.4



## HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS, 1937 (Continued)

School	Department.	Heights. Inches.		Weights. Lbs.	
		1937	1910	1937	1910
GREGORY ST.	Girls ..13 Group	—	54.7	—	65.1
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.1	—	55.2	—
	Boys ..13 Group	—	—	—	—
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.5	—	56.2	—
	Infants 5 Male	40.8	36.4	38.8	33.5
	Infants 5 Female	41.1	36.0	38.2	31.2
MILL LANE ..	Girls ..13 Group	57.5	54.7	92.8	70.0
	Girls .. 9 Group	50.7	—	58.8	—
	Boys ..13 Group	59.3	55.5	93.3	71.6
	Boys .. 9 Group	51.1	—	62.4	—
	Infants 5 Male	42.9	38.8	40.7	35.8
	Infants 5 Female	42.4	37.7	37.7	34.3
HANGING HEATON ..	Girls ..13 Group	—	54.2	—	71.2
	Girls .. 9 Group	51.5	—	66.0	—
	Boys ..13 Group	—	55.6	—	72.6
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.7	—	54.8	—
	Infants 5 Male	42.0	38.0	41.7	33.6
	Infants 5 Female	40.4	38.0	37.8	34.8
STAINCLIFFE ..	Girls ..13 Group	—	53.6	—	65.7
	Girls .. 9 Group	51.0	—	59.9	—
	Boys ..13 Group	—	55.1	—	69.2
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.7	—	52.6	—
	Infants 5 Male	43.0	39.1	43.0	35.1
	Infants 5 Female	43.0	38.0	36.0	32.6
HEALEY.. ..	Girls ..13 Group	55.6	53.0	76.1	67.8
	Girls .. 9 Group	50.4	—	58.0	—
	Boys ..13 Group	57.2	52.9	83.9	72.8
	Boys .. 9 Group	50.9	—	60.7	—
	Infants 5 Male	41.8	34.6	39.3	31.7
	Infants 5 Female	41.4	34.7	38.4	30.0
FIELD LANE ..	Infants 5 Male	41.7	39.0	41.1	35.0
	Infants 5 Female	41.6	38.7	37.7	33.6

ANTHROPOMETRICAL COMMITTEE'S STANDARD FOR  
ENGLAND AND WALES, 1910

## WEIGHT.

Boys 5 Group 39.9lbs.	Boys 9 Group 60.5lbs.	Boys 13 Group 82.6lbs.
Girls 5 Group 39.2lbs.	Girls 9 Group 55.5lbs.	Girls 13 Group 87.2lbs.

## HEIGHT.

Boys 5 Group 41.0ins.	Boys 9 Group 49.5ins.	Boys 13 Group 56.9ins.
Girls 5 Group 40.5ins.	Girls 9 Group 48.5ins.	Girls 13 Group 57.7ins.

The foregoing tables illustrate the difference in the physique of Batley school children as seen to-day and in 1910.

(b) **UNCLEANLINESS.**—During the year, 14,730 surprise examinations of scholars were made by the School Nurses in the Schools. 500 individual children, being 10.4 per cent. of the scholars on the school registers, were found to be in a verminous condition. There were no prosecutions.

(c) **MINOR AILMENTS AND DISEASES OF THE SKIN** are treated at the School Clinics. Particulars are given in Table IV, Group I.

X-ray treatment of ringworm and arrangements in connection therewith are mentioned on page 8 of the Annual Report for 1932. Since 1935 no case of ringworm of the scalp was detected by the School Medical Department. This is worthy of note. For some unknown reason ringworm of the scalp has never been common amongst Batley scholars. There was one case of skin ringworm in 1937.

(d) **VISUAL DEFECTS AND EXTERNAL EYE DISEASE.** 12 scholars were seen at routine and special examinations suffering from blepharitis. 11 were referred for treatment.

The eyes of 294 children were examined at the Ophthalmic Clinic, Batley, and spectacles were prescribed as follows :—

Compound Hypermetropic Astigmatism	...	53
Simple Hypermetropic Astigmatism	...	14
Hypermetropia	... ..	78
Myopia	... ..	37
Compound Myopic Astigmatism	...	10
Simple Myopic Astigmatism	...	3
Mixed Astigmatism	... ..	6

5 children had Anisometropia.

97 children had convergent squint and 2 divergent squint.

1 child suffered from Nystagmus.

In 90 cases it was not found necessary to alter the glasses previously prescribed and 3 children did not need glasses.

Owing to re-arrangement consequent upon the extension of the Borough by the inclusion of the Urban District of Birstall, Dr. Herley resigned his appointment as School Oculist, which he had held since 1920 with much satisfaction to all concerned during this long period. As a mark of their appreciation the Education Committee appointed Dr. Herley Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon. It is pleasing to know that he still remains a member of the staff of the department.

(e) NOSE AND THROAT DEFECTS. During 1937, 51 cases were referred by the School Medical Officer for treatment and 5 operated upon. The Education Committee paid the Batley Hospital for 62 cases under the scheme. See Table IV, Group III. The committee pays the hospital one guinea for every case where tonsils and/or adenoids are operated upon at Batley Hospital, provided the patient is in attendance as a scholar at a Batley elementary school. Reference by the School Medical Officer is not a requirement, hence the committee pays for many operations of this nature which are unknown to the School Medical Officer.

(f) EAR DISEASE AND DEFECTIVE HEARING.

Arrangements by which scholars suffering from these defects could be examined and treated personally by an Aural Surgeon were very necessary and long overdue.

The following is extracted from the minutes of the Education Committee of November 29th, 1937, confirmed at the meeting of the Town Council on December 1st, 1937 :—

“Resolved :—That arrangements be made for children suffering from defective Tonsils and Adenoids and from Aural Defects to be treated at the Batley and District Hospital, subject to the Hospital’s Consulting Surgeon, Mr. Donald Watson, F.R.C.S., undertaking all examinations and necessary operations and to all cases being referred for treatment by the School Medical Officer, in accordance with the following scale of fees :—

One single tonsil operation and Anaesthetist	1	11	6
Surgeon and Anaesthetist for a session up to eight or less	5	5	0
Consultation not to exceed two hours	4	4	0
Additional fee to be paid to Hospital (per case)	0	5	0
Additional fee if patient stays overnight	0	5	6”

It is expected this arrangement will come into force without delay.

DENTAL INSPECTIONS AT SCHOOLS, From 1st January to 3rd April, 1937.

SCHOOL.	CHILDREN EXAMINED.														Referred for treatment.	Percentage referred for treatment.	Actually treated.	Percentage actually treated on total referred.
	AGE GROUPS.																	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total					
Healey .. ..	—	3	13	33	36	37	24	38	32	56	59	47	378	340	89.9	78	22.9	
Staincliffe ..	—	1	2	12	10	18	12	13	16	4	—	—	88	79	89.8	34	38.6	
Park Road ..	1	6	17	31	27	29	37	33	26	60	54	44	365	314	86.03	2*	—	
TOTALS :—	1	10	32	76	73	84	73	84	74	120	113	91	831	733	88.2	114	—	

\* Only 2 patients of those referred for treatment were actually treated owing to resignation of School Dentist.

From March 31st, 1937 to the present, the committee has been without the services of a school dentist. Advertisements have been inserted in the appropriate journals and applicants have been interviewed who, in the opinion of the committee and its Medical Officer, were not suitable. Most of them had no experience after qualification. One, whom the Committee thought suitable, was offered the appointment but did not take it up. The whole subject is at present awaiting the decision of the Board of Education.

If reference is made to Table V, Medical Inspection Returns, at the end of this Report details may be seen shewing the dental work in Batley during 1937 (January 1st to March 31st, 1937).

#### (h) ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

An Orthopædic Clinic in conjunction with the Yorkshire Children's Hospital, Kirbymoorside was established, the first visit of the Orthopaedic Surgeon being on January 14th, 1937. This had been advocated by the School Medical Officer since 1926, when he made his first report on this subject to the committee.

It was arranged that the Orthopædic Surgeon should visit Batley monthly. A masseuse was engaged to spend two days per week in Batley, each day to be of two sessions, during which periods children were to attend for massage, remedial exercises, etc. This massage clinic was opened June 7th, 1937. The Education Committee arranged with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to use that Committee's Child Welfare Centre, but it was immediately realised the accommodation was insufficient for the work of the two committees and the Education Committee was requested to find other premises.

The masseuse went on holiday on July 29th and the clinic was closed for the holiday period. On August 27th a medical certificate was received which stated that the masseuse had undergone an operation and was unfit to return to duty at the end of her month's vacation. On September 8th the masseuse wrote stating she would be able to start work on September 20th. Meanwhile the Education Committee had not succeeded in finding other premises. Ultimately they secured a portion of the Temperance Hall and the clinic was re-opened there on December 21st, 1937.



## Summary of the year's work at the Orthopaedic Clinic :—

Defect	New Cases			Seen by Orthopaedic Surgeon	Total Attendances		Treatment Recommended							Discharged			Ceased Attending	Remaining on Register
	Total	Educat.	M.C.W.		Massage, &c. Clinic	Orthopaedic	Observation	Massage and Remedial Exercises	No Treatment	Hospital	Surgical Appliances	X-Ray	Plaster	Cured	Improved	No Change		
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	9	8	1	9	43	25	2	3	—	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	9
Postural Defects ..	9	9	—	9	148	13	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8
Torticollis ..	6	5	1	6	26	9	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	2
Pes Cavus ..	4	4	—	4	41	7	1	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Talipes ..	4	—	4	4	2	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
Erb's Paralysis	1	1	—	1	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Genu Valgum	1	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Congenital Deformities	10	7	3	10	32	10	1	6	—	—	1	1	—	—	6	—	—	4
Infantile Hemiplegia	3	3	—	3	26	6	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bone & Joint Tubercle ..	2	2	—	2	16	6	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Perthés Disease ..	1	1	—	1	2	5	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Various ..	7	4	3	7	16	17	2	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	3
	57	45	12	57	355	106	7	32	10	5	4	3	1	1	8	—	11	37

The following is a report to me from one of the School Nurses about a male scholar who was first seen by myself, in school, and later referred to the Orthopaedic Surgeon for treatment. It is brought to the notice of the Committee as a matter of interest and as illustrating different opinions as between the general practitioner and the specialist in Orthopaedic Surgery :—

“To THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

**Re D. H.**, aged 7.—This child was examined by Dr. Crockatt, the Education Committee's Orthopaedic Surgeon, in February of this year. The scholar was diagnosed as a case of early Torticollis, and remedial exercises were ordered. He only made one attendance for exercises, and on investigation his mother made the following statement.

‘I do not wish my child to attend at the Clinic. He has been examined by Dr. ——. who says that exercises are not necessary. He says that the boy is run down and will grow out of it. He has given him a bottle of medicine.’

**A. H.**, a boy aged 6, who was seen by the Orthopædic Surgeon and was found to be suffering from slight paralysis following Anterior Poliomyelitis. The Surgeon prescribed remedial exercises. The boy attended fourteen times, then ceased. On enquiry by a Health Visitor the mother said, "Please take his name off the list as our own doctor says 'further treatment not necessary'."

**H. B.**, a boy aged 9, a bad case of Wry Neck. The Surgeon advised necessary treatment—including a slight operation, but the Father refused permission. Nothing further has occurred, so far as I am aware. Here is a case where acceptance of the surgeon's advice would have prevented deformity throughout life."

(i) **HEART DISEASE AND RHEUMATISM.**—Rheumatism was the principal cause of the cardiac lesions discovered. Appropriate advice was given to parents and teachers in the case of each child.

(j) Five scholars were seen whose condition was suspected to be due to tuberculosis of the lungs. A number also, as is usual, had enlargement of the cervical glands, the result of tubercular infection. They were referred for examination and treatment by their family doctor, or at the tuberculosis dispensary, and the usual administrative procedure followed.

(k) **OTHER DEFECTS AND DISEASES** when detected were referred for treatment in the routine manner, if such was found necessary. Of these 100 were seen and 64 kept under observation in view of future possibilities.

6. **FOLLOWING UP.** The arrangements have been explained in previous Annual Reports to which reference may be made. The School Nurses made 2,547 visits to homes and 501 to schools concerning scholars suffering from physical defects during 1937, apart from 322 other visits on account of verminous or allied conditions.

7. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT.**—All scholars found suffering from defects which need treatment are referred in the first instance to their own doctor. If, for various reasons, treatment is not obtained they are then recommended to attend the School Clinics or other suitable institutions. The methods employed or available have been described in previous Annual Reports.

8. **INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**—The procedure for exclusion of school children has been described in previous Annual Reports. During 1937, Head Teachers reported 155, and the School Attendance Officers 12, cases of infectious or contagious disease amongst scholars.

**Administrative Memorandum No. 51 (January, 1927)**

**(Grant Regulations No. 8).**

4 certificates have been given under the above-mentioned Articles during the year.



## 9. OPEN AIR EDUCATION.

(a) Playground classes. Where suitable, several schools take the opportunity of using the school yard and garden for occasional classes. A special playing area for the Nursery class has been provided at Healey Junior School.

(b) At Healey Senior and St. Mary's Boys schools there are open air classrooms.

(c) There are no school camps, but boys from Park Road School and St. Mary's School have been sent for a camping holiday. At several schools excursions to various places were arranged.

10. PHYSICAL TRAINING.—Arrangements have been made for children and teachers to receive instruction in physical training by qualified instructors. Two, a man and a woman, have been appointed by a joint committee of representatives from Batley, Morley, Ossett, and Dewsbury.

11. PROVISION OF MEALS.—No free meals were provided during 1937, except meals provided at the Open-Air School. In Elementary Schools, Head Teachers arranged for the supply of Pasteurised Milk by the Batley Co-operative Society, under the Milk Marketing Board Scheme. In Elementary Schools liquid milk was unobtainable.

12. CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.—During 1937 the percentage of parents attending the routine examinations was 75.6 per cent. as against 77.0 per cent. the previous year.

CO-OPERATION OF TEACHERS AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.—The co-operation between the School Medical Service and the teachers continues to be cordial, and the teachers give considerable assistance in the carrying out of the work. The Attendance Officers also render valuable help. All Head Teachers are aware that their presence at the medical examinations in their schools is welcomed. This has been the custom for more than twenty years. Every Head Teacher if present is informed of the conditions found at each inspection before the Medical Officer leaves the school premises, as a general rule. The majority are present.

CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES.—On page 15 of the Annual Report for 1930, a list is given of such bodies. During 1937, with a few exceptions, the same were in operation.

13. BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE and EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.—(a) The methods adopted for ascertaining children suffering from these defects have been detailed in former reports. They are customary.

(b) There is no special arrangement made for the supervision of mentally defective children not in Special Schools.

## (c) Particulars respecting children discharged from Open-air School during 1937.

13 scholars were admitted and 22 discharged for various reasons.

	Date of admis.	Height		Weight		Inspiration		Expiration		Date of disch.
		On admis.	On disch.	On admis.	On disch.	On admis.	On disch.	On admis.	On disch.	
		Ins.	Ins.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	
BOYS :—										
B.D. ..	19.9.34	41 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	49 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	33	43	21	23 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	30.6.37
D.G. ..	8.2.35	41 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	36 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21	23	19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23.12.37
C.L. ..	11.2.35	43 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	38 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25	21	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23.12.37
A.V. ..	9.3.36	44	46	42	49	23	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23	25.3.37
H.S. ..	29.6.36	45 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	48 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	54	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	22	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23.12.37
C.W.S. ..	28.7.36	50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	53	51 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	56	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25	23	23	23.6.37
J.S. ..	30.9.36	53	54 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	61 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	64 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	26 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25.3.37
K.B. ..	14.10.36	52 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	53 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	62 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	65 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	27	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25	25.3.37
C.B. ..	14.10.36	49 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	52	54 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25	26 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25.3.37
R.B. ..	14.10.36	43 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	45 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	40 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	42	22 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	23	21	21	25.3.37
A.C. ..	14.10.36	46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	43	46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21	22	23.12.37
GIRLS :—										
E.M. ..	14.8.34	47	56 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	43	64 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25	21	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23.12.37
M.M. ..	14.8.34	40 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	47	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	46 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	21	23	19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23.12.37
P.W. ..	7.2.35	41 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	40 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	23	24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	22	23	11.5.37
K.H. ..	27.2.35	54 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	62 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	65 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	84 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	26 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	30 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	25	28	23.12.37
J.W. ..	9.9.35	42 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	45 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	37	43	22	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25.3.37
L.C. ..	20.4.36	52	54 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	56	65	24	26 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23	25	11.5.37
O.C. ..	20.4.36	48 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	49	46 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23	23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	22	22	11.5.37
J.B. ..	9.6.36	48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	51 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	55 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	24	27	23	25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23.12.37
J.R. ..	21.9.36	45 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	*	49	*	24	*	23	*	6.8.37
M.H. ..	30.11.36	39 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	41	31	31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	21	22	20	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11.5.37
M.P. ..	30.6.37	†	†	46 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	†	24	†	23	†	Nov. 1937

\* Figures not given. Admitted to Blenheim Walk School, Leeds.

† Figures not given. Left the district, not giving any warning.

From time to time the School Medical Officer has reported to the Committee on the Open Air School.

On page 12 of the Annual Report for 1932 of the School Medical Officer there appear certain remarks with reference to the position at that time. The committee and two medical inspectors of the Board of Education were not in agreement with the views of the School Medical Officer, so the school has continued as it was then up to the present date.

In June 1937 an official inspection of this school was made by one of H.M. Inspectors. The report was considered by a committee on November 22nd, 1937. The last paragraph—with which the School Medical Officer agrees, having previously reported to the same effect,—is as follows:—

“It must, however, be repeated that, while the premises remain as they are at present, the school is wholly unfit for its purpose.”

There are other circumstances, apart from structural conditions, which prevent this school from functioning properly. The committee has discussed them from time to time as a result of reports by the School Medical Officer. The money spent in maintaining the school is not employed to the best advantage and it is a bad financial proposition. It is also a bad proposition from the public health point of view.

Either it should be made into a proper open air school structurally and run on the lines usual in such establishments, or it

should be closed, as suggested by the School Medical Officer some years since. These remarks have no reference directly or indirectly, to teachers or education.

14. FULL-TIME COURSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE and EPILEPTIC STUDENTS. The Authority does not maintain any such courses. Should such cases be encountered doubtless they would be reported to the appropriate quarter.

15. NURSERY SCHOOLS.—There are none.

16. SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.—The West Riding of Yorkshire County Council is the Authority concerned.

17. PARENTS' PAYMENTS.—Arrangements for recovering the cost of treatment from parents of (a) Children attending Public Elementary Schools exist in the case of the School Clinic, Dental Clinic and the Open Air School. Reference to 5 (c) will show that no payment has been received from parents at the School Clinic during the last ten years. In the case of the Dental Clinic although for some years a payment of 6d. per attendance was the rule it gradually fell into disuse and few parents ever paid anything. Latterly the rule has been more strictly applied in consequence of which the fee is now generally paid. Should poverty prevent payment, which is uncommon generally, free treatment is available under certain conditions. In connection with the Open Air School the following supplied by the Education Department is the summary for the year 1937 :—

Parents of 4 children paid	...	2/6 per week
Parents of 1 child paid	...	1/6 per week
Parents of 3 children paid	...	1/- per week
Parents of 2 children paid	...	6d. per week
Parents of 14 children paid	...	Nothing

(b) Pupils attending Secondary Schools and other Institutions for Higher Education are under the administration of the West Riding County Council.

18. HEALTH EDUCATION.—The School Medical Service as such has no relation to any health teaching specially designed for the school children of the area. Reference to this subject is made annually in the Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

19. SPECIAL INQUIRIES.—No inquiry was conducted during 1937.

20. MISCELLANEOUS.—In this town scholars engaged out of school hours are principally employed in newspaper distribution and as errand boys.

There is no co-ordination of the work of the School Medical Service with that of the Certifying Factory Surgeon of the district. The School Medical Officer examines scholars who are candidates for certificates under the Employment of Children Byelaws.

The School Medical Service is not concerned—apart from paragraph(a)—with employed children and young persons.

The services rendered by Miss Lister, Chief Clerk, in the Public Health Department, are herewith acknowledged. This officer has been responsible for the calculation and arrangement of all figures contained in this report.

The local officer of the N.S.P.C.C. (Inspector Lawlor) has, on many occasions, done work for the Committee which has been most successful. His assistance is much appreciated.

Medical Officer's Department,  
Batley.  
January 17th, 1938.

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Form 8 a.M.

#### Board of Education.

### RETURN OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

#### TABLE I.

#### Medical Inspections of Children attending Public Elementary Schools.

##### A.—Routine Medical Inspections.

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups—

Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	...	323
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	345
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	332
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000
Number of other Routine Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	228
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	1228

##### B.—Other Inspections.

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	543
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	537
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1080



## C.—Children found to Require Treatment.

Number of individual children found at Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding defects of Nutrition, Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases).

Group (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For all other conditions recorded in Table IIa (3)	Total (4)
Entrants ... ..	—	70	70
Second Age Group ...	22	69	87
Third Age Group ...	23	60	75
Total (prescribed groups)	45	199	232
Other Routine Inspections	—	19	19
Grand Total ... ..	45	218	251

TABLE II.

Form 8 b.M.

## A.—Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the Year ended 31st December, 1937.

DEFECT OR DISEASE.		Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
		No. of Defects.		No. of Defects.	
		Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment	Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Skin.	(1) Ringworm—Scalp ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(2) Ringworm—Body ... ..	1	—	—	—
	(3) Scabies ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(4) Impetigo ... ..	6	5	—	—
	(5) Other Diseases (Non-tuberculous)	—	7	1	—
	TOTAL (Heads 1 to 5)	7	12	1	—
Eye.	(6) Blepharitis ... ..	10	1	1	—
	(7) Conjunctivitis ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(8) Keratitis ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(9) Corneal Opacities ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(10) Other Conditions (excluding Defective Vision and Squint)	3	5	—	—
	TOTAL (Heads 6 to 10)	13	6	1	—
	(11) Defective Vision (excluding Squint) ... ..	45	111	4	—
	(12) Squint ... ..	17	26	1	—

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Ear.	(13) Defective Hearing ... ..	3	2	1	—
	(14) Otitis Media ... ..	1	1	2	—
	(15) Other Ear Diseases ... ..	—	1	—	—
Nose and Throat.	(16) Chronic Tonsillitis only	38	58	3	—
	(17) Adenoids only ... ..	2	3	—	—
	(18) Chronic Tonsillitis and Adenoids	8	—	—	—
	(19) Other Conditions ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(20) Enlarged Cervical Glands (Non-Tuberculous) ... ..	37	43	—	—
	(21) Defective Speech ... ..	1	7	—	—
Heart and Circulation	Heart Disease :				
	(22) Organic ... ..	6	—	—	—
	(23) Functional ... ..	1	6	—	—
	(24) Anaemia ... ..	8	—	—	—
Lungs	(25) Bronchitis ... ..	15	53	1	—
	(26) Other Non-Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis.	Pulmonary :—				
	(27) Definite ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(28) Suspected ... ..	5	—	—	—
	Non-Pulmonary :—				
	(29) Glands ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(30) Bones and Joints ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(31) Skin ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(32) Other Forms ... ..	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL (Heads 29 to 32)	—	—	—	—
Nervous System.	(33) Epilepsy ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(34) Chorea ... ..	—	2	—	—
	(35) Other Conditions ... ..	—	1	—	—
Deformities.	(36) Rickets ... ..	1	50	3	—
	(37) Spinal Curvature ... ..	—	—	—	—
	(38) Other Forms ... ..	30	17	3	—
	(39) Other Defects and Diseases (excluding Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases) ...	33	64	3	—
	Total	271	463	23	—



**B.—Classification of the Nutrition of Children inspected during  
the Year in the Routine Age Groups.**

Age groups	Number of Children Inspected	A (Excellent)		B (Normal)		C (Slightly subnormal)		D (Bad)	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Entrants ...	323	27	8.4	383	87.6	12	3.7	1	0.3
Second Age-group	345	19	5.5	307	87.0	25	7.2	1	0.3
Third Age-group	332	23	6.9	295	88.9	13	3.9	1	0.3
Other Routine Inspections ...	228	Nil	—	228	100.0	Nil	—	Nil	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	1228	69	5.62	1106	90.07	50	4.07	3	0.24

## TABLE III.

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN  
THE AREA.

## BLIND CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Blind	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	—	—	—

## PARTIALLY SIGHTED CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Blind	At Certified Schools for the Partially Sighted	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
2	—	5	—	1	8

## DEAF CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Deaf	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
4	1	—	—	5

## PARTIALLY DEAF CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Deaf	At Certified Schools for the Partially Deaf	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
1	—	—	—	—	1

## MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

## Feeble-Minded Children.

At Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	51	—	—	51

**EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.**  
**Children suffering from Severe Epilepsy.**

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	—	—	—

**PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.**

**A. Tuberculous Children.**

**I.—CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY  
TUBERCULOSIS.**

(Including pleura and intra-thoracic glands.)

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	1	1	2

**II.—CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM NON-PULMONARY  
TUBERCULOSIS.**

(This category should include tuberculosis of all sites other than  
those shown in (I) above.)

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	2	1	3

**B. Delicate Children.**

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
24	38	—	—	62

**C. Crippled Children.**

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	14	—	2	16

**D. Children with Heart Disease.**

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	—	—	—

**CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE DEFECTS.**

Information is only required in respect of children suffering from any combination of the following types of defect :—

Blindness (excluding partially sighted children).

Deafness (excluding partially deaf children).

Mental Defect (Feeble-minded).

Severe Epilepsy.

Active Tuberculosis.

Crippling (as defined in Section C. above).

Heart Disease.

Combina- tion of Defect.	At Certified Special Schools.	At Public Elementary Schools.	At other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Local Education Authority, Batley M.B.

Mental Deficiency (Notification of Children) Regulations, 1928.

STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOTIFIED

DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1937 BY THE

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY TO THE LOCAL

MENTAL DEFICIENCY AUTHORITY.

Total Number of Children Notified ... Nil

## Analysis of the above Total.

Diagnosis.	Boys.	Girls.
1. (i) Children incapable of receiving benefit or further benefit from instruction in a Special School :		
(a) Idiots .. .. .	—	—
(b) Imbeciles .. .. .	—	—
(c) Others .. .. .	—	—
(ii) Children unable to be instructed in a Special School without detriment to the interests of other children :		
(a) Moral defective .. .. .	—	—
(b) Others .. .. .	—	—
2. Feeble-minded children notified on leaving a Special School on or before attaining the age of 16 .. .. .	—	—
3. Feeble-minded children notified under Article 3, <i>i.e.</i> , "special circumstances" cases .. .. .	—	—
NOTE.—No child should be notified under Article 3 until the Board have issued a formal certificate (Form 308M) to the Authority.		
4. Children who in addition to being mentally defective were blind or deaf ..	—	—
NOTE.—No blind or deaf child should be notified without reference to the Board—see Article 2, proviso (ii).		
Grand Total .. .. .	NIL	NIL

TABLE IV.

Return of Defects treated during the Year ended 31st December,  
1937.

## TREATMENT TABLES.

## Group I.—Minor Ailments

(excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table VI).

Disease or Defect.  (1)	Number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme (2)	Otherwise (3)	Total (4)
<b>SKIN</b>			
Ringworm—Scalp ... ..			
(i) X-Ray Treatment. If None indicate by dash .....	—	—	—
(ii) Other .....	—	—	—
Ringworm—Body ... ..	—	—	—
Scabies ... ..	6	5	11
Impetigo ... ..	65	7	72
Other skin disease ... ..	—	1	1
<b>MINOR EYE DEFECTS</b> ... ..			
(External and other, but excluding cases falling in Group 2).	15	7	22
<b>MINOR EAR DEFECTS</b> ... ..	2	7	9
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> ... ..			
(e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.)	12	2	14
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	100	29	129



**Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint.**

(Excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I)

	Number of Defects dealt with.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	Total.
ERRORS OF REFRACTION (including Squint)	294	15	309
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group 1.)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL ..	294	15	309
No. of Children for whom spectacles were	Under the Authority's Scheme	Otherwise.	Total
(a) Prescribed ..	201	15	216
(b) Obtained ..	201	15	216

**Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.  
NUMBER OF DEFECTS.**

Received Operative Treatment.									
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital.				By Private Practitioner or Hospital apart from the Authority's Scheme				Total	
(1)				(2)				(3)	
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)
15	2	45	—	1	—	1	—	16	2
								46	—
								38	102
									(5)

(i) Tonsils only. (ii) Adenoids only. (iii) Tonsils and adenoids. (iv) Other defects of the nose and throat.

**Group IV.—Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.**

Number of children treated	Under the Authority's Scheme (1)			Otherwise (2)			Total number treated
	Residential treatment with education	Residential treatment without education	Non-residential treatment at an orthopaedic clinic (iii)	Residential treatment with education	Residential treatment without education	Non-residential treatment at an orthopaedic clinic (iii)	
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	
	4	Nil.	26	Nil	Nil.	1	28

Table V.—Dental Inspection and Treatment.

(1) Number of children inspected by the Dentist

(a) Routine age-groups

AGE	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL
Number	1	10	32	76	73	84	73	84	74	120	113	91	831
(b) Specials													20
(c) TOTAL (Routine and Specials)													851
(2) Number found to require treatment													733
(3) Number actually treated													327
(4) Attendances made by children for treatment													888
(5) Half-days devoted to :—													
Inspection .. .. 7													
Treatment .. .. 73													
Total .. 80													
(7) Extractions :—													
Permanent teeth .. 117													
Temporary teeth .. 567													
Total .. 684													
(8) Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions Nil.													
(6) Fillings :—													
Permanent teeth .. 361													
Temporary teeth .. 27													
Total .. 388													
(9) Other Operations :—													
Permanent teeth .. 82													
Temporary teeth .. 13													
Total .. 95													

Table VI.—Uncleanliness and Verminous Conditions.

- (i) Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses .. .. 16.9
- (ii) Total number of examinations of children in the schools by School Nurses .. .. 14730
- (iii) Number of individual children found unclean .. 500
- (iv) Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority .. Nil.
- (v) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :—
- (a) Under the Education Act, 1921 .. .. Nil.
- (b) Under School Attendance Byelaws .. .. Nil.





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